**PARISH COUNCIL OF FRIDAYTHORPE (FPC)**

**Notes of a remote catch-up operating under devolution of powers to the clerk held Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 19:30 hrs.**

Present: Clerk, Cllrs Hemesley, Hynes and Parker.

* **Nomination for Chair**

Cllr Hemesley had expressed his interest in remaining as Chair until a physical meeting can take place. There were no other nominations so the clerk noted that Cllr Hemesley will remain as Chair. ACTION: Agenda for the next physical meeting.

* **Outstanding issues update**

**Footpath from Wold View**

The clerk has had no update on this. Cllr Hemesley noted that this would be raised at the walkabout.

**Refurbishment of benches**

Cllr Hemesley to organise quotes once restrictions are lifted. ACTION: Carry over to the next agenda.

**Adding signatories to the Barclays account**

ACTION: Clerk to progress this.

* **Accounts**

The clerk had circulated all relevant accounting information to all Cllrs. Payments were authorised by the clerk for the following:

Clerks’ salary for May via BACS

HMRC - £5.60 via BACS (PAYE for clerk)

* **Bus Shelter**

A resident had contacted the clerk and asked if the obsolete bus shelter on the main road could be removed. It was agreed that this should be discussed at a public meeting where residents are able to have an input as to what happens with it. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for the next physical meeting.

* **PC Wheelbarrow**

Cllr Hemesley has found an additional wheelbarrow belonging to the PC and will purchase a new tyre/ inner tube for the wheelbarrow. ACTION: Clerk to update the asset register.

* **Green BT Box**

Cllr Hemesley noted that this still has not been repaired after serval attempts of reporting this. ACTION: Cllr Hemesley to contact Open Reach again and progress this.

* **Grass Cutting Expenditure**

The clerk had been contacted by a resident who queried the amount of precept that goes towards grass cutting. The clerk had responded stating that the PC had already limited the number of cuts. It was suggested that the grass cutting contract go out to tender as it has been some time since this has been reviewed. It was unlikely that the PC would see much of a difference in costs, however. ACTION: Cllr Hemesley to enquire with ERYC how often they cut Wold View grass. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for the next physical meeting.

* **Cleaning of the beacon**

The PC will ask for volunteers for this at the next public meeting. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for the next physical meeting.

* **Issues for Village Walkabout**

The footpath from Wold View, the footpath outside the old Butchers and varnishing the shelter were all raised.

* **Post-Covid Village Gathering Planning**

It was agreed to defer this until all restrictions have been lifted.

* **Future meetings**

The clerk has spoken to ABN who are going to review when we can meet again there in July. There was some suggestion that we might be able to meet in August, but it wasn’t guaranteed. The clerk noted that Cllr Falkingham has not attended a meeting since January so if the PC do not meet in July, then Cllr Falkingham will automatically no longer be a Cllr. ACTION: Cllr Hemesley to contact the Church to see if the PC can meet in July.

* **Community issue – None**
* **Correspondence**

Cllr Hynes has researched suggested work on the pond and reported that the PC should not be concerned if the water levels drop by half a meter as this is normal and will recover with natural rain. We should avoid topping up with tap water or removing the silt as it affects the natural habitat. He suggested that the PC address around the water’s edge to make the area more attractive and eco-friendlier when the water levels are lower. ACTION: Cllr Hynes to get some prices and inform the PC.

A planning application was discussed (21/01589/PLF) at Wold House Farm. No Cllrs raised any concerns. ACTION: Clerk to respond with a neutral view as this application is in Huggate so there was some confusion as to why this PC had received this.